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## HOUSE BILL 2124 By Shaw

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 7, relative to the contribution amount toward the cost of supplemental health insurance for retired state employees and teachers who are covered by Medicare benefits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-702(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) The committee shall establish a contribution level for participating retirees to reflect the retiree's length of service. For retirees with thirty (30) or more years of service, the committee shall make a contribution on behalf of such employees equal to eighty percent (80%) of the cost of the premium. For those retirees with twenty (20) years of service but less than thirty (30) years of service, the committee shall make a contribution on behalf of such employees equal to seventy percent (70%) of the premium. For retirees with ten (10) years of service but less than twenty (20) years of service, the committee shall make a contribution on behalf of such employees equal to sixty percent (60%) of the premium. Retirees with less than ten (10) years of service may participate in such supplemental medical insurance as may be provided pursuant to this part, but the committee shall make no contribution on such retirees' behalf.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.